

GEORGIAN NEWSLETTER

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BAKERSFIELD - All goes well here. The Sabbath went well as always. Barbara and Merle conducted the Pagan Way ritual, Shirley and Les conducted the Craft ritual. Lupercalia went well, too, even though it rained all day. First time in 10 years we've had a festival affected by rain...but that one is not really a Sabbath. Barbara and Les conducted the Pagan Way ritual, Manon and I did the Craft version. Because of the rain we had to work in the temple instead of in the outdoor Circle. With 18 people in that small Circle, Manon decided she had claustrophobia, but all went well.

Our thanks to all of you who sent in so many names for the puppy. It was really difficult to pick one with so many good ones. Finally decided to use two names ...Wickian from Bobbi in Pittsburgh, and Pooka from Mariah in California. Bobbi didn't explain why she picked Wickian. Mariah said, "the name I think would fit your white dog is, Pooka. It means friendly mischief spirit. When I was visiting there, he got into everything: the Circle, food, wine, in and out of everything just like a friendly spirit. You know he is there, but it's hard to catch and control him...he is a free spirit.

So now puppy is officially named Wickian Pooka.

Dorothy and Mike from the midwest are now in Bakersfield. Everyone here likes them and they get along well with everyone. They are also a big help with things like the newsletter.

We were happy to see Walt from the south and Gail from the north get here for Lupercalia. Guess we were fortunate that not so many people came from out of town as usual since we had to use the indoor Circle. If there had been any more we would have had to do the rituals in shifts.

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HAPPINESS IS HAVING A PUPPY.

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BEING A WITCH IS.....

from Penny in Florida

- ....having your Xian parents get so used to the candles and incense that they complain when you don't use them.
- ....wondering if you need a driver's license to drive a broom.
- ...talking the tree spirit into tossing down an orange.
- ...never being without a playmate of some kind.
- ...being transformed from a human into a person.

from Morwyn in Corado

- ...trying to explain to your Xian visitor why the bathroom mirror is black!

from Manon

- ...astral projecting in the wrong direction and finding yourself in the vatican.

## YOUR FAMILIAR by Bobbi in Pittsburgh

Be it a dog, or a cat,  
A bird or a bat...  
There's nothing like the old familiar.

Whatever its name,  
He'll drive you insane...  
Your familiar.

He'll give you his paw,  
then on the furniture he'll gnaw,  
You catch him in the act,  
He'll act sad, that's a fact...  
Your familiar.

He'll drive you to drink,  
When he jumps on the sink.  
He'll chew up your rug,  
Then expect a hug...  
Your familiar.

He'll stay by your side,  
'Til he's bad, then he'll hide,  
And while you're away,  
On the furniture, he'll lay...  
Your familiar.

But deep in your heart,  
You know you can't part  
With.....  
Your familiar.

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## BELOVED ONES

by Charles in Sa Diego

All Hail to Thee! Our Beloved Ones!  
From distant past to future days,  
may we know thy path!

All hail to Thee, Our Precious Lady,  
Who's peace dispels all hate.  
Who's love conquers foolish minds.

In darkened forests, of this barren land,  
where fools distrust all light,  
May we praise thy names and bless your wills,  
Oh! Blessed Be! Our Beloved Ones.

Great is the name of our Mystic Lord,  
the Horned One of our life!  
Who's wisdom brings, utter light,  
Who's power is greatest.

Let us hearken to His tune!  
And in this forest, of darkened minds,  
let our love bring light!

May our days be spent in Glen's green,  
attending to our Gods!  
Let Him play His golden flute,  
Let Her be pleased with our love,  
But most of all,  
let us be glad within.  
Forever let us praise the names,  
of OUR MIGHTY BELOVED ONES.

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## KUNDALINI by Levanah

In the Charge of the Goddess it says, "And thou who thinkest to seek for me: Know thy seeking and yearning shall avail thee not: unless thou know the mystery; that if that which thou seekest thou findest not within thee, thou will never find it without thee." Many times I have said these words and heard these words and thought of them and turned them over savoring and experiencing them as one would experience a fine wine or touch an old stone statue or savor some special moments with a lover, and they have applied to my life in many diverse ways. One of the ways I have found to find the Goddess within is find my own energy: My energy as a being that fills this body I choose to wear. People in the Craft talk a lot about energy: moon energy, sun energy, star energy, earth energy, the energy you raise in a circle and group energy. Less rarely do Craft people talk about the energy within their bodies - your own energy. And even less rarely do people focus in on Kundalini - a very special and powerful energy that some people run through their bodies.

Let us look at this energy, this Kundalini, which seems to have become mystified through the cons of time.

Kundalini is one of those words you hear mentioned occasionally but never explained: "Jane woke up with a terrible headache this morning and when Barbara looked at it in trance she saw that Jane had started to run her Kundalini and it was all stuck up near her sixth chakra!" or, "I taught this workshop and there was one man who came and just sat there the whole time running his Kundalini and shaking tremendously." or, "When I was in India I met this Guru and he turned my Kundalini on and I spent the next two years trying to control it and my body!"

Many people I have spoken to in the Craft do not seem to really know what Kundalini is or what it can be used for. Some who run this energy through their bodies do not know how to control it or what they can do with it. This is not a surprising state of affairs. Many people in Occult circles who know what Kundalini is have gotten their information from occult magazines and books, a purely intellectual level and still do not know how to experience it and what to do with it. Kundalini seems to be one of the most mystified techniques of the occult world. This might be because there is a large gap between intellectually understanding Kundalini and experiencing it. I know many people who run Kundalini through their bodies and few of them who can explain on a verbal level what it is and what they do with it. I have seen several books on the subject and mostly I consider them worthless. Some of the Indian Yoga books will describe accurately how the energy runs but none truly explain what it is and what you can do with it.

Kundalini Sakthi, as the Indians call it, means serpent power. Sakthi means active divine power, the mother of the universe, the life force which resides in the lowest energy center (the 1st chakra) at the base of the spine in men and between the ovaries in women. This divine active life force power is coiled like a serpent in a static or resting state and hence is called Kundalini (coiled serpent). Essentially, cosmic energy, or prana, as some call it, was broken down into elemental states of being starting with the finest energy - the cosmic - and moving downward onto a more earthly plane. So from cosmic, to air, to fire, to water and finally to the densest plane - earth, and it is in the earth chakra that Kundalini is stored and coiled waiting to be awakened.

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Most people are not aware of this stored powerful energy. It is there at rest. There is little information about this type of energy that many people who run Kundalini through their bodies do not know that they are doing it! It becomes just a strange, unusual, exhilarating, or frighteningly powerful experience that is beyond their control of understanding.

When Kundalini is awakened it uncoils and begins to push its way up through the spine. People usually describe this as, "an extreme heat," "a hot searing tearing stream of energy." In actuality the Kundalini is supposed to uncoil and push up the hollow canal in the spinal cord (called sushumna by the Indians) and therefore vitalize each chakra as it rises to the top and flows out of the Crown chakra (at the top of your head). (Chakras are energy centers that process your information into your body. The seven major chakras are located along your spine.)

Because Kundalini is such a powerful energy most people usually experience this as an intense heat. Once this energy starts running up your spine it pushes its way through anything in its path. This means that if you have blocks of stuck energy the Kundalini will not go around it but right through it. It is for this reason that people describe it as searing, burning and tearing in the beginning. Kundalini is a sort of vital body energy cleanser. Once it has gone through those blocks the burning tearing sensation ceases. Usually, this is by the third or fourth time a person runs his or her Kundalini. Being so powerful and forceful Kundalini is very difficult to control. Many people have problems because the energy will run in different paths rather than just up the spine. Usually, this is because in a past life they ran their Kundalini in a different manner and as a being or spirit they have created this pattern which is the first way they remember. It is best to run Kundalini straight up the spine because it rejuvenates all of the chakras and your body energy. Basically it burns away all of the garbage. You can always tell someone who runs their Kundalini by seeing how clear and clean their aura is. On a clairvoyant level Kundalini often looks like a powerful stream of red-orange energy.

I am no expert on Kundalini. Like many people I experience it and even have a few theories about it. I perceive Kundalini as a very powerful earth energy which can be tapped for various uses. First and foremost it seems to be a cleanser in that it clears a person's space of old and trapped stuck energy. One night after running my Kundalini energy, I went to a Sabbat outdoors and noticed I was not cold while everyone else was shivering. I suddenly realized that I was exuding warmth, genuine body warmth, that was a residue of running my Kundalini. My feet, however, were getting cold. Generally Kundalini does not reach the feet. Kundalini also tends to unground people. If you have developed a system for grounding yourself you may find that if you run your Kundalini that grounding almost disappears. Sometimes this is a problem. Because Kundalini is so powerful it tends to push many people right out of their bodies and they experience a blissful out of the body state. But the true use of this energy is to experience it within the body. That is why, as a clairvoyant meditation teacher, I never recommend that anyone learn to run their Kundalini until they have had two or three years of being grounded. If you learn grounding and running energy through the channels connecting your major chakras (the new age psychic methods taught more prevalantly in Calif.) in two or three years you will naturally begin to run your Kundalini energy. And then it will be much easier. People who go out of their way to learn how

## KUNDALINI continued

to run their Kundalini usually bite off more than they can chew. KUNDALINI IS AN ENERGY THAT NATURALLY BEGINS TO RUN THROUGH THE BODY WHEN THE BEING OR SPIRIT AND THE BODY ARE READY TO USE THIS LEVEL OF POWERFUL ENERGY.

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Bobbi in Pittsburgh says she uses this prayer in her Circle.

Alone in my Circle I sit, wondering about the mysteries of Your ways. The silence greets my ears, like the rushing of the winds. You are clad in great light as I hear You whisper to me that I am Your child. The happiness and joy overflows in me like a cup runneth over. You fill that empty space in me. Like a small seed You nourished me and watched me grow. Guide me, Great Lady, to find the mysteries that are hidden among the planes of this and other worlds. I am Your child and I will ever bathe in Your light and kneel at the altar of Your love.

Blessed Be!

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## BOOKS AND THINGS

Joyce in Pittsburgh says, "I have volume 1 of MAN, MYTH, AND MAGIC. But I have only one volume and I enjoy it very much. I would like to have the full set. Could you please ask in the newsletter if any of your readers know how I can get the full set? I thought of writing the publisher but the book has no address. Maybe someone has a set they might sell."

If you have info on this, write and I'll forward. We have occasionally had others ask about this.

Tanya in Colorado says;

Stalking The Wild Pendulum, by Itzhak Bentov. E.P. Dutton, N.Y. \$4.95.

Bentov's dedication reads "...to those individuals who are trying to pull together diverse aspects of nature into one, new, meaningful whole...". In his book he sets out to do just that, and (to me) he succeeds. The first three chapters deal with basic scientific facts, the sort of knowledge most of us receive in high school science courses. He then uses these facts as models for the universe...its beginnings, structure, and behavior, including our interactions in and with it.

Chapter four deals with time, and presents an experiment that is similar to astral travel...by concentrating on a past event, and literally being there again, time is stilled. (I tried this experiment and it works.)

Chapter five goes into quantity and quality of consciousness, or different levels of reality. Chapter six is about relative realities; here Bentov discusses the reality hierarchy, the formation of Nature spirits, reincarnation, and auras. Chapter seven is about the higher self, and the remaining chapters, 8 to 10, discuss a model of the universe and ideas concerning the nature of the Creator

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(Bentov is not a Pagan, so he refers to the Creator or Absolute as "He".)

Even though *Stalking The Wild Pendulum* is not Pagan oriented or written by a Pagan, Bentov does acknowledge psychic phenomena and Nature spirits. His theories are largely speculative, based on a few basic facts. It's easy to read and entertaining, besides being informative; I definitely recommend it.

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## From RUS ...Arcane Crafts

TO DRIVE THE COLD WINTER AWAY (Vanguard VSD-71261) is a "Fire-side Presentations Of Music For Merrymaking Down The Ages", performed by St. George's Canzona. The band titles should explain the contents: 1. "Entry Of The Minstrels And Waits" 2. "Festivities In The Tavern" 3. "A Medieval Holiday" Side 2: 1. "Festivities At The Manor" 2. "To Entertain A King" Jacket copy traces the winter celebrations way back to Mithraic rites. Excellent Sabbat Music.

VIVE HENRY IV is a new album by "Les Menestriers" (Cavalier CVR/DP 2005 - imported by Int'l Book & Record Dist., 40-11 24th St., Long Island City, N.Y. 11101.) As in their previous album (reviewed in an earlier newsletter) these 5 minstrels give you medieval music with a sparkle of their own. Best "Surprise" is their rendering of a dance by Tielman Susato. Normally it is played like a processional, but these fellows give it a very "Dancey" twist.

THE SPIRAL DANCE is a book by Starhawk of the Covenant Of The Goddess. (harper & Row, San Francisco, 1979. Paperbound, \$6.95) This is a complete system of Witchcraft from neophyte's exercises to magical workings to rituals. The style, the imagery, is intensely beautiful. While slightly feminist-bent, it also contains some fine rituals to the Horned God, Rituals for men. There is a timeless quality about the book- it will never be out of style. I recommend it especially to solitary Pagans seeking a Craft system to work with.

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## BEING A WITCH CAT IS....

from Morgan LeFay

- ...incorporating your coven as a CAT - olic church. (OOOOH!)
- ...discovering that several inquisitors are now reincarnated as mice. (Hee -hee -hee!)
- ...calling the death-spell worked on the neighbor's mean ole dog "a case of RUFF-Justice." (Howwwl!)
- ...jumping up on your human's altar just as they're invoking BAST. (the cat goddess of ancient Egypt).
- ...teasing your humans by referring to the pillars of Jakin and Boaz as "these sacred scratching posts."

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ODE (OWED?) TO A SEXATARY by Anon E. Mouse

She's quite a gal, my sexatary,  
 though at times her head is somewhat airy.  
 A drink in one hand, cigarette in the other...  
 can she be slow, oh yes..oh brother!

"Now stop goofing off and take a letter.  
 Try hard, your spelling could only get better."  
 For hours her fingers fly over the keys.  
 The final product makes me fall to my knees!

So many mistakes...this letter's a bust...  
 correction fluid is an absolute must!  
 So she types it over again and again;  
 Oh, damn! I'm getting a super migraine.

Two days later, 50 letters are done,  
 and I feel like a hundred miles I have run.  
 Work is all over and playtime is at hand;  
 one lousy typist...but this gal is grand!

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BEING A WITCH IS..... from Donna in Washington

...having your house guest notice all the pentagrams and asking  
 who is Jewish.

from Lady Phoenix in Dallas:

...having a teenage daughter, who has just become a Xian, fall in  
 love with your T-shirt that says "When God made man..She was  
 only joking".

...having a five-year old ask very seriously if they can join a  
 ritual..and having them behave better than one of your oldest  
 students.

from Rus ... Arcane Crafts

- ...trying to copy a Book Of Shadows in Gwenkin's handwriting.
- ...wearing a nine-foot cord, and trying not to trip over the ends.
- ...taking a ritual bath in the sea, and deciding that adding salt  
 to it would be like sending coals to Newcastle.
- ...explaining for the 99th time that "robe and athame" is NOT the  
 same as "cloak and dagger."

BEING A WITCH'S NEIGHBOR IS ...

...seeing your Witch neighbor cross himself and say, "Glasses,  
 zipper, credit cards, cash."

## GOLLUM'S COLLUM

THERE WON'T BE ONE THIS MONTH. Gollum has had the flu and didn't get the collum written, but has promised to make up for it next month.

## STUFF AND THINGS

Iris says the Coven of Trothland is going well in Modesto. A new member initiated by now...and someone getting a third this month.

Manon has been busy moving but says there is nothing exciting to report on the coven of Ceres in Modesto, but all goes well there.

Ariane in Houston says she is involved with an anti-nuclear group which is non-political. They hope to abolish nuclear weapons and nuclear power plants. She would like to gather any info which may be helpful in forming a worldwide organization. You may send it here and I'll forward.

ED NOTE: As always, there are two sides to a question. I'm sure everyone would like to take any steps necessary to avoid a nuclear war, but to avoid nuclear power plants, I think, is wishful thinking and not at all practical. It is quite obvious that new sources of energy are needed. Of course all steps should be taken to make nuclear power as safe as possible. However, without new power sources, we must return to wood stoves and kerosene lamps...or else cut the world population to a fraction of what it presently is. Now the idea of getting back to nature sounds great to many of us. Going back to the horse for transportation and work energy, wood stoves for cooking, kerosene lamps, and doing the laundry in the nearest stream may sound very romantic, but it isn't very practical since it would mean starvation for the world's masses.

Trying to do away with nuclear energy reminds me of the story of the first train passing through a town at the incredible speed of 5 miles an hour. A man was required to run ahead of it, waving a lantern and warning people to get out of the way of this dangerous monster. Sounds funny today...but people took it seriously then.

Elizabeth Pepper says she has found the perfect chain for her "Georgie". It is the watch-chain of her great grandfather. Elizabeth says she is feeling quite happy and cheerful...and keeping busy. She really appreciates all the very nice letters she has received. She'll let us know if there is anything new on the Almanac. Meanwhile, we'd like to remind you to write to the publisher if you haven't done that yet.

Miranda in Honolulu reports that she has been on the radio there and expects to be back on a regular basis doing psychic readings for call-ins. That should be very popular. She says Oimelc was really great: found bayberry candle on sale and also got a wonderful crystal bust of the Lady, another initiation and someone raised to Craft Master. A busy day (night?)

Miranda says March is a month of communication and socializing, a good time for publicity, and jelling the ideas started in January. In April, these ideas take physical form/materialize.

Miranda really is anxious to hear from numerologists.

BEING A WITCH IS.....

from Iris in Modesto

.....NATURAL!

## MARCH 1980 STAR GAZER

by Lady Fauna

- 1 Full Moon. Catch up on studying and paper work. Avoid physical and financial risks. Hours: 2 pm, 9 pm. Candles: green.
- 2 Relax in a hot bath. Work on studies and paperwork. Work on taxes. Hours: 6 pm. Candles: green.
- 3 Share decision-making with others. Hours: 3 pm, 10 pm. Candles: Green.
- 4 Create a balance within yourself. Hours: 7 pm. Candles: white.
- 5 Express your feelings. Swallow pride. Hours: 3 pm, 10 pm. Candles: yellow.
- 6 Relax. Enjoy a good meal and soft music. Hours: 1 pm, 8 pm. Candles: green, yellow.
- 7 Love uncontrollably. Hours: 3 pm, 10 pm. Candles: green.
- 8 Organize before you move. Exercise. Trust your intuition. Take an imaginary trip abroad. Hours: 2 pm, 9 pm. Candles: green.
- 9 Organize career objectives. Lift your spirits. Hours: 3 pm, 6 pm, 10 pm. Candles: green and red.
- 10 Work on barriers to career objectives cautiously. Carry out a creative idea. Hours: 3 pm, 10 pm. Candles: black, green.
- 11 Accept responsibility. Work on creative idea you started yesterday. Spend time with a loved one exclusively. Hours: 3 pm, 10 pm. Candles: blue.
- 12 Consider domestic changes rationally. Organize. Hours: 4 pm, 11 pm. Candles: green.
- 13 Approach radical domestic changes with caution. Hours: 2 pm, 9 pm. Candles: yellow.
- 14 Relax. Delay decisions. Self-blessing ritual followed by a hot bath. Hours: 5 pm, midnight. Candles: black.
- 15 Play-act what you are feeling and then laugh at yourself. Hours: 2 pm, 9 pm. Candles: yellow, black, red.
- 16 New Moon. Be considerate of others. Exercise caution to avoid injury. Hours: 3 pm, 6 pm, 10 pm. Candles: red and black.
- 17 Continue to guard against accidents. Work on moderating your temper. Hours: 3 pm, 10 pm. Candles: black.
- 18 Satisfy the urge to travel with an imaginary journey. Enjoy a new song. Hours: 3 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm. Candles: white and green.
- 19 Visit a cultural center (museum, art gallery). Hours: 4 pm, 11 pm. Candles: green.

STAR GAZER continued

- 20 Equinox. Read a book. Work on a handicraft project. Go for a walk.  
Hours: 1 pm, 3 pm, 8 pm, 10 pm. Candles: red and green.
- 21 Walk or take a nap if you feel tense. Hours: 5 pm, midnight.  
Candles: yellow and black.
- 22 Put your imagination to work resolving a difficult situation. Hours: 2 pm,  
3 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm. Candles: yellow and black.
- 23 Allow common sense to rule. Hours: 3 pm, 6 pm, 10 pm. Candles: red and green.
- 24 Forge ahead on business projects. Hours: 3 pm, 10 pm. Candles: green.
- 25 Organize. Smile. Meditate on the Goddess. Hours: 7 pm. Candles: White, red,  
green.
- 26 Engage in mutual massage with your lover. Hours: 5 pm, midnight.  
Candles: yellow.
- 27 Attend to business, paperwork, study. Take breaks to stretch your muscles.  
Hours: 1 pm, 3 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm, 10 pm. Candles: yellow, red, green.
- 28 Steer conversation away from gossip. Hours: 5 pm, midnight.  
Candles: yellow and black.
- 29 Seclude yourself to finish business, handicraft projects, or study. Be sup-  
portive to others. Hours: 2 pm, 3 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm. Candles: yellow and green.
- 30 Keep conversation light. Read poetry and sing. Hours: 6 pm.  
Candles: red, green, blue.
- 31 Full Moon. Read poetry and dance to a lively tune. Work on group harmony.  
Hours: 3 pm, 10 pm. Candles: green.

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BEING A WITCH IS ..... from Lee Diana in Oregon

...ending a letter to your mother with "May Goddess Bless".

from Manon in Modesto

...spending 3 months trying to learn to read Theban because the  
B.O.S. you're copying from is written in it.

...finding enough room for a stray even though you have 23 dogs,  
927 cats, 33 bats, 15 frogs, 150 mice, and 2 horses. Not to  
mention 4 watchtower guardians, 21 elementals, and a skunk.

...listening to Pat bitch because your typewriter doesn't exactly  
spell right.

Gwenkin, the littlest Witch

"Bea" the Kitchen Witch will be featured in the new Arcane Crafts' catalogue, to be available soon.

LOOK, GWENKIN, I CAN UNDERSTAND THE GODDESS. I CAN UNDERSTAND THE HORNED GOD, BUT I CAN NOT ACCEPT THAT UTTERLY SINFUL BROOKLYN ACCENT OF YOURS!


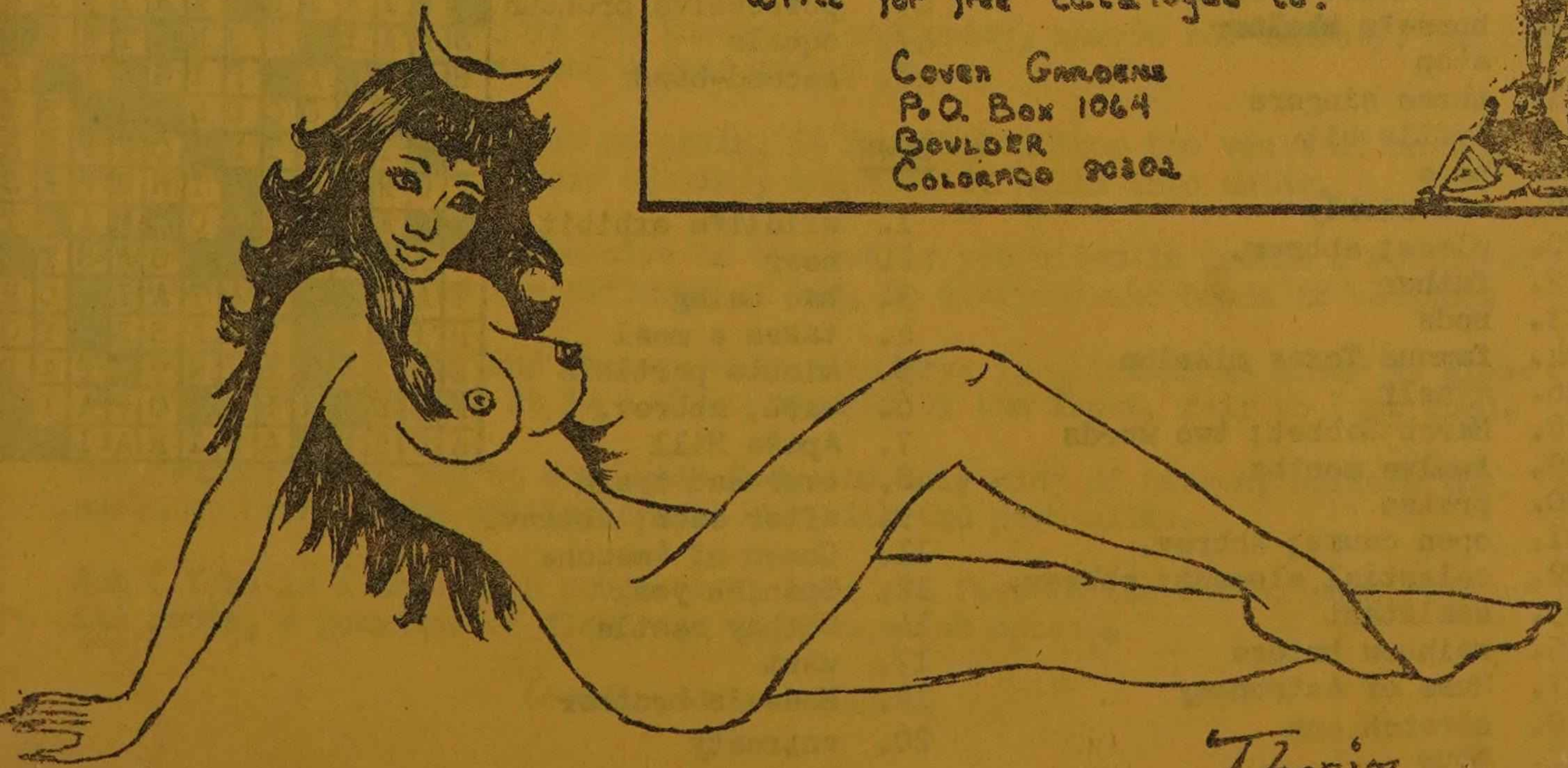


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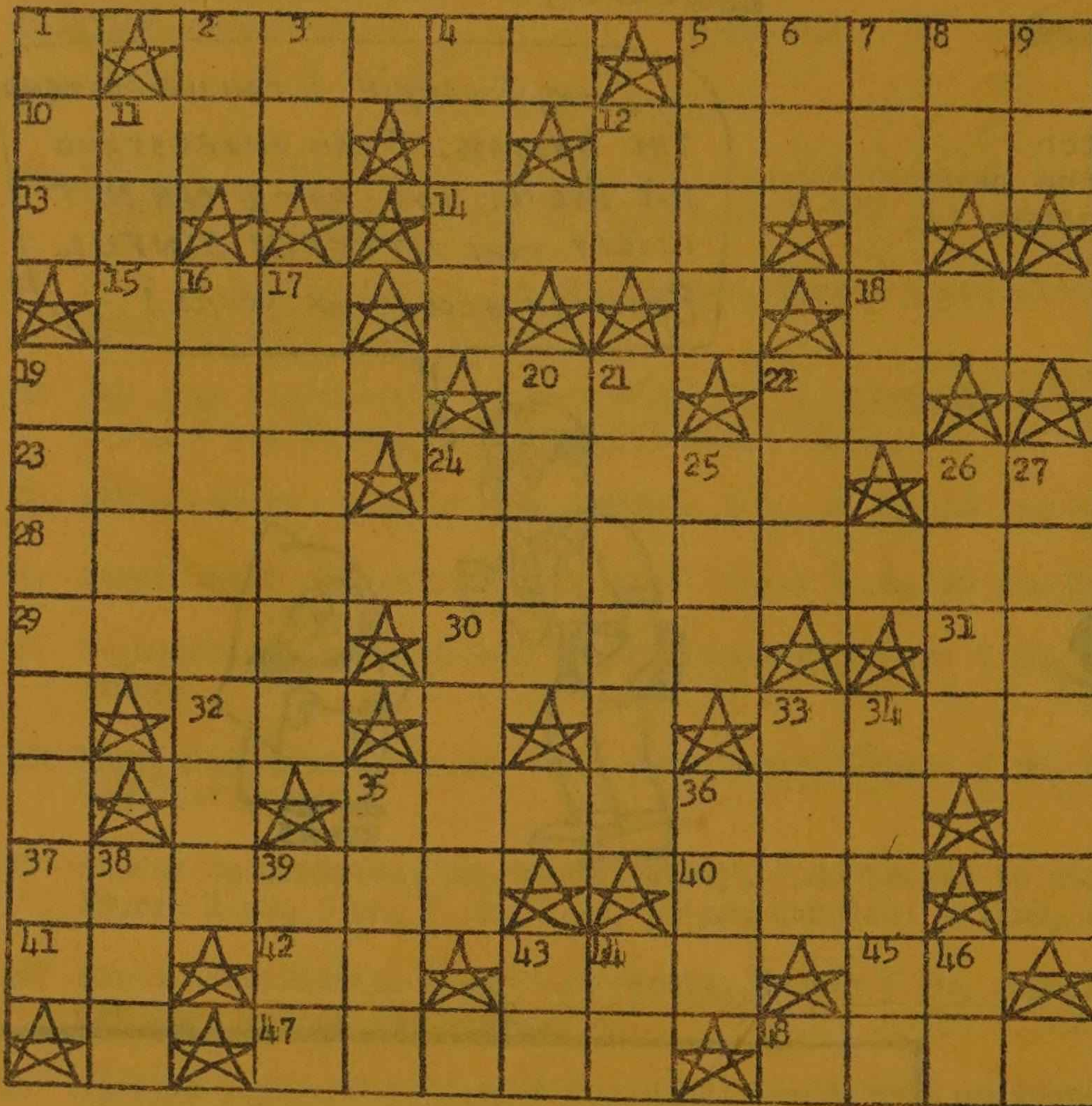
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- 21. paint
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- 24. Brilliance
- 25. Ma's laundry horr
- 26. atmosphere
- 27. all but
- 33. inquire
- 34. things
- 35. live
- 36. over; poetic
- 38. spoil
- 39. bite
- 43. either
- 44. white snow
- 46. old pronoun

ACROSS

- 2. helped
- 5. Circe's island
- 10. breakfast grains
- 12. horse's ~~shaker~~
- 13. atop
- 14. three singers
- 15. little bit
- 18. page
- 19. was sickly
- 20. place; abbrev.
- 22. father
- 23. nods
- 24. famous Texas mission
- 26. myself
- 28. March Sabbat; two words
- 29. twelve months
- 30. praise
- 31. open cause; abbrev.
- 32. celestial element; abbrev.
- 33. assistant
- 35. rainbow bridge
- 37. Muse of Astronomy
- 40. scratch out
- 41. thus

- 42. Freudian term
- 43. rowing instrument
- 45. possessive pronoun
- 47. equals
- 48. second-hand

DOWN

- 1. wildlife exhibit
- 2. near
- 3. has being
- 4. takes a meal
- 5. minute particle
- 6. each; abbrev.
- 7. Ape's Hill
- 8. overhead train
- 9. after each; abbrev.
- 11. Queen of Amazons
- 12. Spanish yes
- 16. Cathay castle
- 17. want
- 19. Medea's brother
- 20. entreaty

FEBRUARY ANSWERS

B	L	A	D	E	T	R	I	P	L	E	
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MAGICK AND TRANSFORMATION IN WORDS by Gordon  
PART 2

The Anglo-Saxon rune poem probably dates from the ninth century, and would seem to be derived from an earlier, now lost West Germanic version. Several letters were added to the original 24, possibly to make the alphabet more phonetic.. There is some obvious Christian influence in the poem, which mainly manifests itself in softening certain terms or inserting references to Christ, etc.

## The Anglo-Saxon Rune Poem

Ur (Auroch) is proud and has great horns; a great ranger of the moors, it is a creature of mettle. (The Auroch was a giant, wild cow. They were just a bit smaller than an elephant, and their horns were over six feet in length. A drinking horn made from the Auroch held over a gallon.

Thorn (Thorn) is exceedingly sharp, an evil thing for any knight touch, uncommonly severe to all who sit among them.

OS (God) is the source of all language, a pillar of wisdom and a comfort to wise men; a blessing and a joy to every knight. (Dickens suggests that this rune refers to the Latin "OS", meaning "mouth", as it would be unlikely that a Pagan deity would be responsible for the origin of speech. I disagree with this, and cite the VOLUSPA, stanza 18 as my evidence: "soul they had not, heat nor motion, nor goodly hue; Soul gave Odin, Sense gave Honir, heat gave lodur, and goodly hue.")

Rad (Road, The Path) seems easy to every warrior while he is indoors and very courageous to him who traverses the high roads on the back of a stout horse.

Ken/Kan (The torch that burns, the fire that consumes) is known to every living man by its pale bright flame; it always burns where princes sit within.

Gyeu (generosity, gift) brings credit and honour, which support one's dignity, it furnishes help and sustenance to all broken men who are devoid of aught else.

Wenn/Wyn (Bliss) He enjoys who knows not suffering, sorrow nor anxiety, and has prosperity and happiness and a good enough house.

Haegl (Hail) is the whitest of grain, it is whirled from the vault of heaven and is tossed about by gusts of wind, and then it melts into water.

Nyd/Naud (trouble) is oppressive to the heart; yet often it proves a source of help and salvation to the children of men, to everyone who heeds it betimes.

Is (ice) is very cold and immeasurably slippery; it glistens as clear as glass and most like to gems; it is a floor wrought by the frost, fair to look upon.

Ger (summer) is a joy to men, when God, the holy king of heaven, suffers the earth to bring forth shining fruits for rich and poor alike.

Eoh (Yew) is a tree with rough bark, hard and fast in the earth, supported by its roots, a guardian of flame and a joy upon an estate.

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## MAGICK AND TRANSFORMATION IN WORDS continued

Peorth (Unknown?) is a source of recreation and amusement to the great, where warriors sit blithely together in the banqueting hall. (it has been suggested that this letter, due to both its late date, and its shape, may refer to the stirrup of a knight's saddle.)

Eolh (sedge) is mostly to be found in the marsh; it grows in the water and makes a ghastly wound, covering with blood every warrior who touches it.

Sigel (the sun) is ever a joy to seafarers when they journey away from the fishes' bath, until the courser of the deeps bears them to land.

Tir (probably refers to Tyr) is a (guiding) star; well does it keep faith with princes; it is ever on its course over the mists of night and never fails. (Tyr here may have been equated with the planet Mars, or possibly a constellation.)

Beorc (the poplar) Bears no fruit; yet without seed it brings forth suckers, for it is generated from its leaves, splendid are its branches and gloriously adorned its lofty crown which reaches to the skies.

Eh (the horse) is a joy to princes in the presence of warriors, a steed in the pride of its hoofs, when rich men on horseback bandy words about it; and it is ever a source of comfort to the restless.

Man (man) the joyous man is dear to his kinsmen; yet every man is doomed to fail his fellow, since the lord by his decree will commit the vile carrion to the earth.

Lagu (the ocean) seems interminable to men, if they venture on the rolling bark and the waves of the sea terrify them, and the courser of the deep heed not its bridle.

Ing (Ing, a Germanic god) was first seen by men among the east Danes, till, following his car, he departed eastward over the waves, so the heardingas named the hero. (Tacitus and Pliny describe rites of the Germanic tribes held in honor of Nerthus, part of this rite involved driving a chariot into the sea. Nerthus seems to have been either a female or bisexual deity, and the name Nerthus is linguistically equivalent to Njord, a Vanir sea god.)

Ehtl (an estate) is very dear to every man, if he can enjoy there in his house whatever is right and proper in constant prosperity.

Daeg (day) the glorious light of the creator, is sent by the lord; it is beloved of men, a source of happiness to rich and poor, and of service to all.

Ac (oak) fattens the flesh (of swine) for the children of men. Often it traverses the Gannet's bath, and the ocean proves whether the oak keeps faith in honorable fashion.

Aesc (ash) is exceedingly high and precious to men, with its sturdy trunk it offers a stubborn resistance, though attacked by many.

MAGICK AND TRANSFORMATION IN WORDS

continued

Yr (possibly axe-iron, axehead) is a source of joy and honor to every prince and knight; it looks well on a horse and is reliable equipment for a journey.

Iar (Gar,???) is a river fish and yet it always feeds on land; it has a fair abode encompassed by water, where it lives in great happiness.

Ear (grave, earth) is horrible to every knight, when the corpse quickly begins to cool and is laid in the bosom of the dark earth, prosperity declines, happiness passes away and covenants are broken.

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 BEING A WITCH IS ..... from Rus, Arcane Crafts

- ...being left alone by the "smokeys" when they see the bumper-sticker that says "Protected By Witchcraft."
- ...getting a flight-instructor's license, and then shopping for a broom with dual controls.
- ...interrupting the Charge Of The Goddess to change a Witchlet's diapers, (before the Witchlet interrupts it any louder!)
- ...being faced with the choice of a- getting a shorter sword, b - setting up the altar in another room, or c- buying a new chandelier after every Circle.
- ...actually finishing a game of Dungeons & Dragons.
- ...ordering a miniature Moon-Crown for your Witchlet's Barbie doll.

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 WORDS OF WISDOM

SECRETARY - Mr. Johnson, were you aware that your fly is open.

BOSS - Well, Miss Smith, did you see anything interesting?

SECRETARY - No, I don't have my microscope with me.

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 Are you free, Miss Jones?  
 Only on Sundays, but I don't charge much on weekdays.

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 Here, drink this. It'll warm you up.  
 No, thank you. It's my feet that are cold.

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 And what would you say to ten dollars for a raise, Miss Cleavage?  
 I wouldn't even try to raise it for less than fifty dollars!

LEATHER CRAFT - Bakersfield

Anyone interested in learning leather craft can contact Mike at 397-5305. Classes will be on Saturdays. No charge but you will have to purchase your own tools and materials.

FROM DONNA IN WASHINGTON

Since the flu is nearing epidemic stage, the stricken might try spearmint tea with lots of honey, and inhaling steam from a few eucalyptus leaves in a pot of water. It really helps.

FROM JENNY IN FLORIDA

I would appreciate any contacts in my area. Surely I can't be the ONLY Pagan in Gainesville.

HELPFUL HINT FOR BEGINNERS.

Making a temporary Circle can really be a problem for some of you. If you own your home, you might paint one on the floor. This is certainly not recommended for a rented place since the landlord could stick you for a lot of money to have it removed. If you have linoleum or wood floors, you might draw a Circle with chalk. This is usually easy to remove. For short-nap rugs, you might make a Circle of masking tape. This will pull up when you are finished. Shag rugs can really be a problem. Probably the best thing to do in this case is to take a heavy cord or rope and just lay it out in a Circle, then roll it up when you finish.

The preferred size for a Circle is nine feet, but if you don't have enough space for that, try a 7 ft. or 5 ft. or even a 3, but make it an odd number. The number given is always the diameter, not the circumference. The circumference will be 3.14159 times the diameter or just slightly more than 3 times the diameter. The following are approximate lengths of rope for making a rope Circle.

nine feet diameter....	28 feet, 3 inches.	By the way, diameter is the distance across the Circle. Circumference is the distance around it.
seven " "	22 feet	
five " "	15 feet, 8 1/2 inches	
three " "	9 feet, 5 inches.	

BEING A WITCH IS .....

from Lady Phoenix in Dallas

..... practicing on your runes during lunch hour, and explaining that those funny marks are a sort of ancient form of shorthand...and that no, you do not take letters with them.

...having a guest ask wonderingly after a ritual, "The real ritual isn't the one we just had, is it? The REAL one was hidden behind it, on a higher plane, wasn't it?"

COMMENTS FROM SOME READERS. We won't use names since they didn't mention whether or not they wished to be quoted.

An amusing thing happened here. I sent Castle Rising an announcement of our new address. They returned the letter with the reply that they do not print "commercial" notices. So, what arrived with the newest Castle newsletter? Four pages of advertising of their own store! That same issue reprinted an utterly asinine article on "witches" Z. Budapest and Louise Huebner. It also implied that YOU are not a Witch because of your use of the word "sexatary"! We would like to nominate Castle Rising for the Doghouse Award "for insulting the greatest number of Witches within a single year" (and they are the ones who hope that Earth Religion News will not turn out "another hate-sheet").

Greetings, O Male Chauvinist!

I take my greeting from the latest issue of Castle Rising! Shame on you -- talking about your sexatary ! Thirty lashes with a wet noodle!

Are you beginning to get the feeling that the feminists are about to take over? Up until this time, I have been in agreement with most things I have seen in "Castle Rising", but after this latest issue, I wonder if Zee has bitten them!

ED. NOTE: We were supposed to have a trade agreement on newsletters with Castle Rising. Interesting that I didn't receive a copy of the one in question.

Too bad if I offended someone by the use of the word "sexatary". My sexatary doesn't mind at all, but then, she is a VERY FEMININE WOMAN...and damned glad to be one.

The only time this seems to have presented a problem was at a meeting (not Georgian) some time ago when a couple of very aggressive lesbians with the "grabbies" were giving her a problem. When she told them she just wasn't interested and that she preferred men, they told her that she was a cheap whore because she wore lipstick and nail polish. WOW! I see dozens of those every day. I didn't know that's what they were.

By the way, my sexatary thinks Ode To A Sexatary (this issue) is great. Now before someone else decides they are offended by the corny jokes we print, I'll explain that I just love to tease lil ol' female gals..but I love 'em all.

Interesting how much mail we're suddenly getting from those looking for free promotion of their wares. And you will notice that we do take paid ads. However, we will not knowingly promote any person or group for free or for cash which has "witchcraft lessons" for sale.

On another subject: I know many of us have written lots of letters to the networks about the way they have portrayed Witches on many of their programs. Now it's time to write a nice letter thanking NBC-TV for the way they handled the subject on DJ AND THE BEAR on Saturday, Feb. 9. Let's let them know we really appreciate the positive approach, and also let them know that there really are a lot of us around. You don't have to give your name or address if you prefer not. Just write to: NBC-TV, 3000 W. Alameda, Burbank, Cal. 90016. Sorry I don't have the New York address but either place will serve the same purpose. Even a postcard will help.

Let's hope they do a re-run on that program for the many who missed it.

## FROM THE SEXATARY

I haven't read the article but I hear that somebody is criticizing a certain Georgian Newsletter editor for referring to me as a sexatary. Since there is always someone who must criticize others, I would appreciate it if the criticism were directed where it is due. I started the term "sexatary" as a joke pointed at myself, and the title just sort of caught on. There was no chauvinistic undertone intended and I'm sorry if anyone has taken offense. I really believe that somebody owes Pat an apology, and I ask that if they must try to undermine and/or criticize, that they focus it at the appropriate target.

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P.S. I second the dog house award nomination.

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## CIRCLE DANCING - A FANTASY?

by VULCAN

Many years ago, when the tops of the mountains were still sharp and new, the young girl called, Allendra, awakened from a restless sleep. Her mind raced and she began to cry and shake from the cold as she recalled the night, the storm, the lightning striking the cabin, and her father rolling her up in her bed clothes and lowering her out of the glassless window, allowing her to slide to the bottom of the hillside, as flames engulfed everything that meant home and family to her.

As the snow began to fall, quieting the smoke, Allendra wandered aimlessly through the forest until the impending darkness and increasing cold forced her to seek shelter in a thick grove of pines. She only half awoke during the night as her body sensed another next to hers. With the early light of morning, she found herself laying next to a doe deer and its spotted fawn.

For many months Allendra was mothered and cared for by this creature of the wild, until the time when the fawn had grown to become a fine buck ready to begin his own life. His mother named him Dagon, and bid him to watch over Allendra as it was time now for her to answer the call within herself to leave the thick pines that had become home, and travel to the east.

Allendra and Dagon spent several very happy years living a life of wonder in a world of soft lights falling through the changing landscape of the forests.

On that special night as Allendra and Dagon were preparing to lie down and rest, they came upon a clearing. As they approached slowly, they saw the flicker of a small fire and several robed figures moving around it. Allendra senses that these people meant them no harm. Soon Allendra and Dagon were welcomed to the fire, and found these robed women to be kind and loving.

As time passed, Allendra was taught the ways of love and trust, the ways of the Old Gods, and to control the forces of the universe, to heal with herbs and ritual.

Once again with the passage of time Allendra had changed; now she was a grown woman, tall, slender, with black hair and sparkling green eyes, and Dagon had become the most magnificent stag in all the mountains.

The robed women gathered in their special place to say goodbye to Allendra.

As she stood at the north of their Circle, they gave her a long, white robe, a magical blade wrought of the finest silver, and a red candle.

## CIRCLE DANCING continued

When the circle gate was opened for her to leave, she was renamed Circle Dancing, and bid farewell and blessed be by all.

Circle Dancing and Dagon continued their journey east, always east, seeking, always seeking.

It was in the spring, that morning by the lake, when with only the slightest sound, the spear of the huntsman struck Dagon through the heart. He fell where he had stood, never moving.

Circle Dancing ran to where he lay, unable to understand why this had happened. The young hunter approached, realizing his error, that this stag was no ordinary game animal. Without speaking he knelt beside Circle Dancing and Dagon, and the three of them remained there for seven days and nights.

On the eighth day Circle Dancing and the hunter arose to their feet. It was then that they became aware of the change that had overcome the hunter. He had stag horns and the hindquarters of the fallen stag, Dagon. A love had befallen Circle Dancing and her new consort.

Their union was quick to bear fruit, and before long, Circle Dancing, with her children and her consort at her side, could now form the perfect circle. As time passed, many souls seeking rebirth would enter her circle through her magical womb, then leave on their journey to a new life life carrying with them a small part of this great Mother, insuring them perfect love and perfect trust.

This practice of giving part of herself to all who would seek it has caused her body to fade, yet remaining young and beautiful, never aging.

Today there are those who seek her by neons bright, and say she's gone forever from sight -- but ask her child who seeks her by candle's light.

Blessed Be, Circle Dancing, Blessed Be.

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## BOOKS AND THINGS

FROM PENNY in Florida: Just finished a book on de-programing. It was pretty good. Send \$2.50 to The Sutphen Corp., 7000 East Camelback Rd., Suite 212, Scottsdale, Ariz. 85251.

FROM JIM in Calif: Sent for the info from Dura-mold Co. in N.J. but my letter was returned stamped "beyond date to forward". So if anyone has a new address I would like to have it. I have a catalog from MUSEUM COLLECTIONS, 140 Greenwich Ave., Greenwich, Conn. 06830. Expensive but really high class museum reproductions. Lots of jewelry and statuary.

FROM VALERIE in Calif: I'm thinking of visiting Australia (esp. Sydney) and would love to hear from Pagans, Crafters, Druids, etc. in that area.

ED NOTE: You can write to Valerie care of the Georgian Newsletter and we'll forward...or write to THE EDITORS, PO BOX 80, Lane Cove 2066, N.S.W. 2066 Australia (that's The Wiccan) and we'll send them money to forward.

BEING A WITCH IS.....

from Coven Of Phoenix, Sydney, Australia

..... having to hide the cakes and conceal the wine...from a pretty Witch who is on a diet.

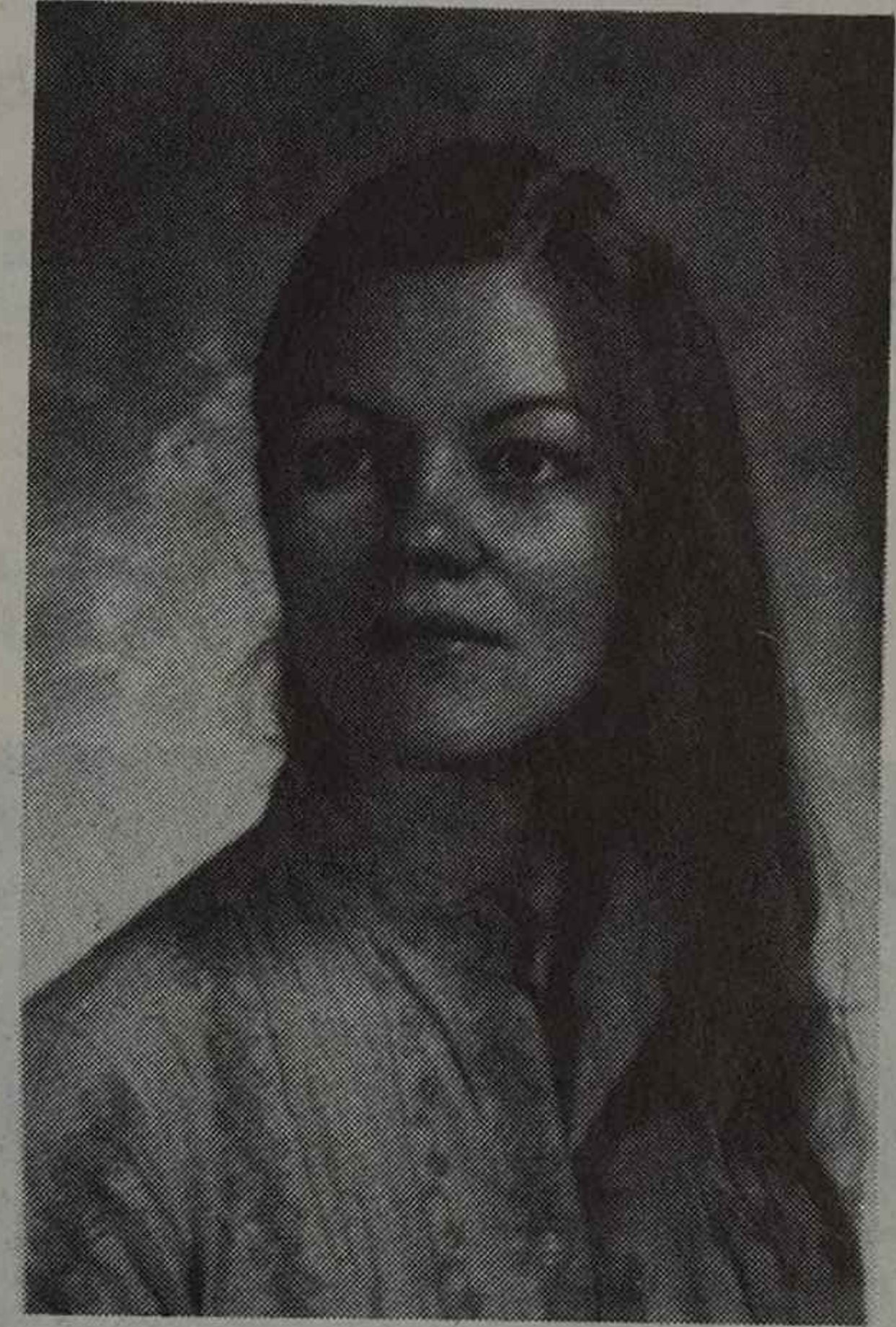


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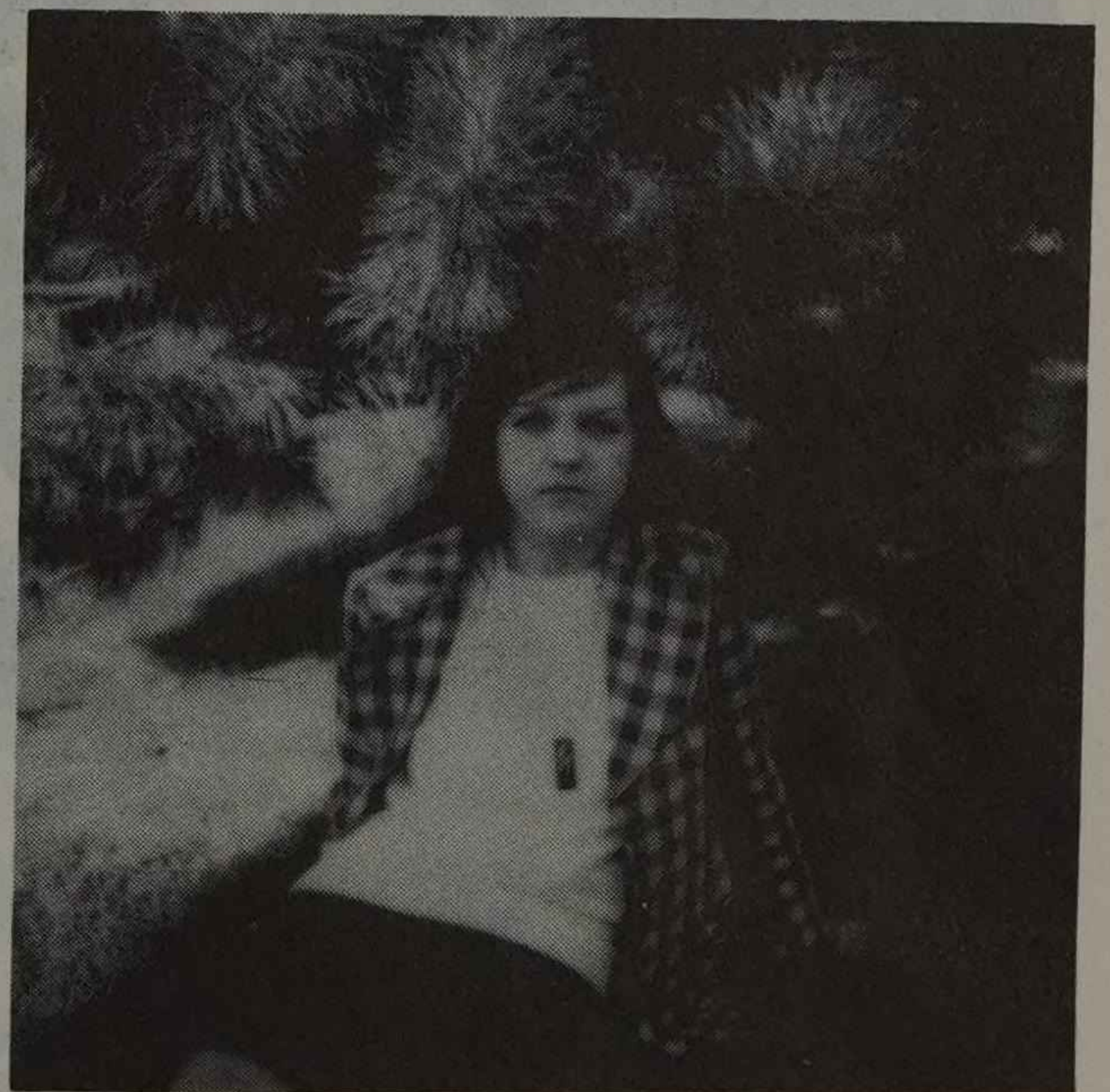
ABOVE : Drawing on an envelope  
by Dean R.



ABOVE: Tanya in Colorado

BELOW: Guess who is this lovely  
doll. She didn't say if it  
was okay to say.

BELOW: Vicki in Oklahoma.



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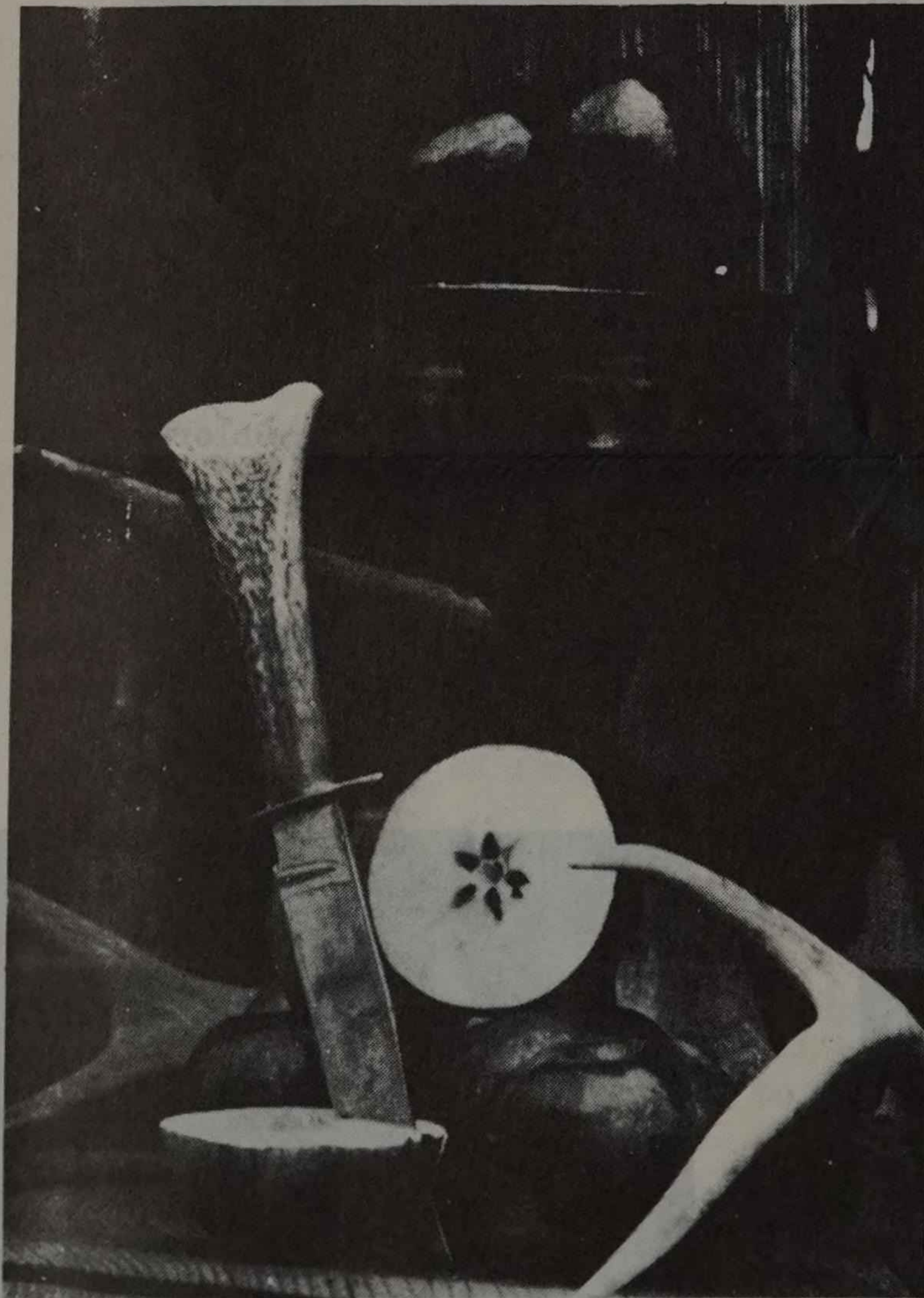
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FROM GRACE IN FLORIDA : You may be interested to know that the Federal Court, 11th district of Florida, recognized Wicca as a legitimate religion in April '77...Efstathion vs Rhodes.

Grace says she is a lone Witch and would like to make coven Contacts. Write Grace Efstathion, POB 4162, Pensacola, Fla. 32507.

Grace says she'd like to share this unusual recipe:

1 cup self-rising corn meal  
1/3 cup self-rising flour  
1 tbs sugar  
1 tsp pepper  
3 eggs beaten

1 cup buttermilk  
1/3 cup milk  
1 tbs melted shortening or oil  
1 cup cracklings

Combine dry ingredients. Add eggs, buttermilk, and milk. Stir thoroughly. Grease 9 inch cast iron skillet, and heat. Pour batter in slowly. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until golden brown. Yield - 6-8 servings.

Good eating!

(another one next month)

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FROM KAREN in Colorado: Went shopping yesterday and got Kay Gardner's new album "Emerging" which is really good. I like the second side best. Also got Merlin Stone's new book "Ancient Mirrors Of Womanhood" -Part 1. I've just had time to peek, not read, but it looks delicious.

Gary & I are really looking forward to Pan Pagan this year. We'll be taking the month of August off so we can take our time and really enjoy. He'll be doing a workshop tentatively titled "Stewardship Of The Earth" about how to get in contact with Her and maintain that give and take, and I'll be doing a couple. One on being an effective HP and/or HPs, and one on incense making. You can also get orange flower water at most health food stores. I am looking forward to trying out Marilee's way of making it with the crock pot. I'd like a detailed explanation on making essential oils if she'd care to share the process.

Got the new MOON MAGICK catalogs printed up. Deleted some things that didn't have enough demand. Write for catalog to Moon Magic, POB 395, Littleton, Col. 80120.

I got some of Morwyn's (Coven Gardens) bath salta from a shop in Boulder. They were really nicely made and smelled heavenly!

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BEING A WITCH IS.....

from Paul & Connie in New Hampshire

..... asking the High Priestess how to charge a magickal Weapon....and having her hand you a BANKAMERICARD.

..... having unexpected dinner guests ask how you plan to Bar-B-Q with only one Pricquette.

from Rus & Ruthi Arcane Crafts

.....playing a mean trick by replacing the things on the scourge with boiled spaghetti.

FROM MORWYN in Colorado : Our group remains quite active here, and we enjoyed a lovely Candlemas. Right now we are engaged in some healing work. I thought I would enclose a photo of me and my cat, Sinhazinha. She wished to introduce herself to Gollum. Sinhazina is Portugese for "Missy".  
 Ed NOTE : If Morwyn doesn't send an okay to use that photo she will be confined to the cat house for a long time.

FROM JOYCE in Pittsburgh: The Coven Of The Rose is going to be putting out a newsletter soon. We are working on it now and hope to have it ready for Spring. It is going to be called THE STAR WEB.

The annual campaign to stop the slaughter of baby fur seals is now getting underway; we really need support of the Pagan Community in the form of donations and letters of protest to the Canadian Ambassador. People who are interested and willing to help, please write to: Greenpeace USA, POB 4793, Santa Barbara, Cal. 93130 for more info.

With Spring rapidly approaching, you may want to make mention of Arbor Day, one of the nicest Spring customs there is. The date is different in every state (it's March 7-14 in Calif., April 25 here in Pittsburgh.) "Trees-A Joy Forever!"

Hope you can help me find a set of Man, Myth, And Magick.

ED NOTE: We've had a couple of people ask about buying this series of books. We have it here but not sure where to order it now.

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BOOK REVIEWS

NINE APPLES - A PAGAN ANTHOLOGY

Paperback \$3.95  
 Artemisia Press

Edited by Chas. S. Clifton  
 Mary J. Currier

"Nine Apples" is essentially a collection of poetry, with the inclusion of two essays and one ritual text.

Editor Mary Currier states that "The trouble with many would-be poets especially is that they fail to see that much poetry comes from the dark side of life, and that is what gives it its power."

I personally prefer more light hearted poems and songs than was selected for this anthology, but I do believe the editors have succeeded in collecting a fine selection of the more serious Pagan works. Some are definitely from the dark side of life and do have the power to touch one's inner being; others have the ability to communicate the wonderment of a Pagan in the beauty of life.

My favorite was "Has Anybody Seen My Cat/" by Ellen Cannon. Tickled my funny bone and reminded me of some people I've known!

"Nine Apples" is well worth getting for those who enjoy poetry.

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HOW TO READ THE AURA

by W. E. Butler

\$2.25

Samuel Weiser, Inc.

"How to Read The Aura", covers much more than just the development of auric sight. Mr. Butler discusses the auras of the mineral and plant kingdom, and how

AURAS continued

to draw their power into yourself, and how your strong aura can make others feel better.

I was happy to see a book that did not give a definite meaning to the colors of the aura. His reason for this is that the clairvoyant, using his own interpretation of the colors he sees, is often more correct than trying to follow a 'hard and fast' color system. He states that it is very difficult to correctly assess the level of a person's character simply by reading his aura. One example he gave was with "pastel" colors, which is usually thought of as being "highly evolved and spiritual". The pastel color can also indicate that the person is unevolved and without any positive will or emotional drive.

He, instead, goes into much more detail on the structure of the aura itself. You will see how the etheric aura will indicate a disease in its early stages, even before the physical body is aware of it; how to spot an etheric leakage, and the affect it has on that person.

He discusses the difference between suppression and control of one's will, and its reflection, not only on our own aura, but also the influence that suppression has on our character. Also, the difference between the mental-emotional aura and the etheric aura; how to project thought-forms through the auras, that we know as telepathy.

One thing I particularly liked about the book was that Mr. Butler not only tells you how to "see" and "feel" the aura, but how to double check yourself to know if you are really seeing the aura and not just an optical illusion caused by eye strain.

I feel that the book is both interesting and well-written, and a welcome addition to my library.

Diantheia

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WORDS OF WISDOM:

Miss Twinpeaks, when I said I wanted you to take a letter to Mr. Jones, I di NOT mean that you should deliver it in person.

And why, young lady, did you park your car on the sidewalk?

Well, silly, there was no room on the street.

SIGN IN A STORE WINDOW: Free sea sickness pills with every water bed.

Miss Dubblebottom, your handwriting is certainly atrocious!

Yes, it is rather pretty, isn't it?

No, Miss Texana, we do NOT keep cows in the stock room.

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ED NOTE: On a recent Phil Donohue show, Jerry Falwell admitted that his Xtian BS show is seen on 330 stations in this and other countries, that he takes in \$56 million dollars a year from viewers, and that he asks them to contribute \$10. per month.

It would appear that a lot of Xians take their religion seriously enough to feel it in the pocketbook. It seems to be difficult to get \$10 a yr. out of most Pagans. How can we overcome propaganda like these people without money?

STORIES THE ANIMALS TELL ME

Beatrice Lydecker  
with  
Julie Crawshaw

\$7.95

Harper & Row

Though this is not a Craft book as such, I'm sure all Pagans will enjoy this one (don't all Pagans love animals?). I'm sure you've heard of people who talk to animals, and have the animals talk back. Well, that's what this book is about. After reading these experiences with various animals and birds, you begin to feel that you want to do the same. If you love animals, you won't want to miss this one.

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FROM PAUL & CONNIE in New Hampshire

After reading the newsletter, it occurred to us that some of our comments on New York might have offended Pagans in that area. If so, please have it clearly understood that this was not our intention. We are sure that Pagans who happen to live in NYC love nature as much as any of us, and do what they can to help the environment. Our comments were only to try and indicate what happens when the 'average person' lives without clean air, water, space, and other luxuries like that!

Could Ruthie explain why she is always making jokes about Aleister Crowley? (I think she's the one who does it.) What does Crowley have to do with Wicca? Wasn't he a ceremonial magician?

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FROM MEGAN & SEAN in Minnesota (Gwynvyd Church Of Wicca)

We finally got our notification from the IRS that we're officially tax exempt. It's been a long timesince (Jan. '78) when we got our charter. We are now separate from the former group. We're so happy that Loy was acquitted and hope the same will happen for Louise.

Hear The Witches' Almanac is no longer gonna be published. We're all writing letters. This Almanac addict is really gonna go berserk if something can't be done.

Sean & I are hoping to make it to the Pan Pagan Festival in Daraboo this year. We are thinking about holding a Wiccaning at the festival, and are hoping the money can be got together to have Loy and Louise come up.

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BEING A WITCH IS .....

from Megan & Sean

.... doing a Circle and hearing a neighbor in the hall sniff and comment, "Smells like someone's holding Mass around here."

BEING AN APARTMENT WITCH IS .....

.... turning on the radio to a classical music station to drown out the noise, and in a pause in the ceremony having the announcer state that the previous music had been sponsored by the Church Of Latter Day Saints.

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## PAN'S PIPINGS

Gather 'round my friends and near acquaintances, and you may hear of the various definitions applied to the terms that we use to describe ourselves...and some that are used to describe us, as well...

As so many of us have both heard and expounded, the English word "WITCH" (and I don't mean the Women's International Terrorist Conspiracy from Hell) is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word "WICCA". The word Wicca (I'll try and go easy on both the quote marks and the caps...they are almost as hard on my eyes (and hands) as they are on yours) seems to be, however, a rather large point of departure in definitions.

According to Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary Unabridged (second edition), we find "Witch -n. (A.S. wicce, f. of wicca, a magician, a wizard; prob from wiccian, to use sorcery.) The word is then defined as a woman supposed to have...etc.

However, according to the compact edition of the Oxford English Dictionary, Wicca (wycca, wicce, etc.) is defined as (once again) a practitioner of magic. Further, though, the word is traced etymologically to Germanic "wikken, wicken" which are of obscure origin. The same source also noted the usage of other variants of the word in certain other languages (Italian, in specific "strega" in the context of "the uncanny appearance of the fish" (specie unknown to me). Also noted as related to the word "wicca" are the words for "weak", "Witch-elm", various other trees and plants, including, by some strange chance (or covolution of coincidence), wicker. (There is also made mention of something called a "witches-knot, or Elves-knot", which is a tangled knot of hair which would be made into a rope of some type (c.f. Child's Ballads: #34, Willie's Lady), or, alternatively, a bushy tuft of twigs on a tree.)

Now then, one of my favorite pieces of reading matter, The American Heritage Dictionary of the English language (in case you haven't guessed by now, I happen to be a Virgo), along with the aforementioned definitions and derivations, also traces the word wicce/wicca/ wiccian to an Indo-European root-word, weik(2): "In words connected with magic and religious notions (in Germanic and Latin). 1. Germanic suffixed form...in: a. Old English wicle, divination, sorcery, akin to the Germanic source of the Old French guile, cunning, trickery; b. Old Norse \*wihl, craftiness, wile. 2. Germanic expressive form \*wik-, in: O.E. wicca, wizard, and wicce, witch; b. O.E. wiccian, to cast a spell: bewitch; 3. Suffixed zero-grade form \*wiktima in Latin victima, animal used as a sacrifice, victim." Nothing at all about being "wise", or anything of the sort. In fact, they derive "wise" as being from another root word, which although possibly related, is more akin to the verb "to See". The other meanings for the root-word "weik"- just happen to include the modern words for "clan", "icon" "to conquer", and the ones I consider most interesting, the words related to: "To bend, wind. I. Form "weig-" Germanic \*wik- in, a. O.E. wice, wych elm, (having pliant branches); b. Swedish viker, willow twig, wand: wicker; in O. Norse vikja, to bend, to turn, probably akin to the Scandinavian source of Old North French "wiket" (i.e. "door that turns") 2. Germanic \*waikwaz in a. O.N. veikr, pliant, weak, b. Middle Dutch weec, soft, weak; 3. Germanic \*wikon, "a turning", series, in O.E. wicu, wice, week. II Form \*weik-, zero-grade form \*wik- in Latin vicis, turn, office (i.e. "vicar, etc." b. Latin vicia, vetch "twining plant"...("Vetch", by the way, is a member of various climbing or twing plants, having vinnate leaves, slender tendrils, and small, variously-coloured flowers.)

Basically, folks, what I'm getting at, is that the word we most commonly tell others means "wise" or "one who knows", while it may not be totally incorrect, is more than somewhat ambiguous: it could mean something along the lines of "one who knows the ways of opening the doors (that lead to...?)" Maybe, "they who can turn (the evil/magic/ etc.)"; with the connections of the basic root words to things like "clan", we begin to lead towards what at least a few of us consider ourselves to be--brothers and sisters of an (older) family; people who (should) have knowledge of things that most others cannot/ do not see.

For the most part, the things that I have seen and read of European Witchcraft (or, if you prefer, wiccaecraeften), a great, vast amount of it involves little things, like plants, tying of knots, "simple" scrying. Being in control; no, control is not the proper word. I'm not sure exactly what the best word is -- "victor" or possibly "victim". We have been both in the all-too-near past.

Before I close this out for now, I would like very much for those of you who actively teach the ways of the plants to your people to think of something that is intimated in many writings on "the Art"; even as a tree will grow into the shape that it is bent/twisted; so also will a child grow into the form of what they are taught. It may not seem to make much sense to you right now, but for me, it is now the ending of a very long day.

For those who do not teach of our Green brethren, learn more of them. They are "doors to many worlds".

Brightest blessings, my friends, I'll leave you for now.

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STUFF AND THINGS

Judith in San Diego would be interested in hearing from anyone who might be interested in a possible partnership in an occult shop. Drop in and see her at Ye Old Enchantment Shoppe, 4682 Iowa St., San Diego, Cal. 92116. Store is open from 10-6 Mon. thru Sat.

Judith says there will be a Pagan Festival at Ocean Beach, Sat., March 25, 4 PM on. Love and peace. Music (live) by David. Bring your own food & drink. For more info: stop in at the Shoppe or call 714-282-8718.

Nice long phone call from Janice & Dennis. They've just moved to Houston. Maybe they'll stay put for awhile now...but don't bet on it.

Rhea says her area of Georgia has had atrocious weather: snow, rain, sleet, etc. Rhea has just added a new dog and a new cat to her small zoo. With all those animal bodies around, maybe she won't have to cut so much firewood to keep the place warm.

The Australian Newsletter is doing well. Approx. 6 issues per yr. \$2. a copy in U.S. for air mail. The Editors, PO Box 80, Lane Cove, N.S.W. 2066, Australia.

Don't forget to complain about loss of The Witches' Almanac. Write to: Stanley S. Sills, President, Grosset & Dunlap, 51 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010.

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## STUFF &amp; THINGS

Nice phone call from Demeter in Mastic Beach, N.Y. She says the Pagan Festival in Kingston, N.Y. went quite well. Jim Alan & Selene Fox were enjoyed by all... also the Circles, etc. Demeter says there may be another festival coming up but nothing definite on that. There are also plans for the first Pagan Commune in Queens. For more info you might write to Tzipora & The Wizard, 237 E. 35th, N.Y., N.Y. 10016. Ask for catalog. Don't know if there is a charge.

Demeter also mentioned Good Housekeeping mag for March which lists the 1200 religions in America...including Craft. She says there is an article on the Celts in the March issue of National Geographic.

Demeter says Paul Horn's album "Inside The Great Pyramid" is very good. pub. by Mushrooms in L.A. Don't know the cost.

Gail B. would like to start a study group in the Bay Area ...Calif. Anyone interested can write and I'll forward.

We do have some problems with the P.O. chewing up the newsletters. Sent one to Australia the other day with 45¢ in stamps on it. They returned it for 3¢ more. It didn't even get out of Parkersfield and yet the 3 outer pages were all chewed up...about half missing. I have written to a couple of senators in the past. They say they are also unhappy with the P.O. and they know it is a real problem ...but they don't do a damned thing about it.

Don't forget the Pan-Pagan Festival scheduled for August 21-24 in Paraboo, Wisc. Write: Temple Of The Pagan Way, 1532 W. Victoria, Chicago, Ill. 60660....or Circle, Box 9013, Madison, Wi. 53715.

We're planning to have our annual Georgian Mountain meeting sometime in August. Not sure if it will be the same location or the exact date yet.

Guess everyone knows by now that Loy Stone was acquitted. Things look good for Louise at the time this is written.

Lady Phoenix in Dallas still looking for more input and ideas for the network.

WORDS OF WISDOM from W.C. Pasture

Having kids is like putting money in a slot machine that doesn't pay off.

Guess we really should put Karen, Colorado, and Armeeta in Pittsburgh into the doghouse for sending nice material on herbs and things that didn't arrive until the 27th...after the newsletter was all printed up. But..we'll just have to hold those goodies for the next issue. (All printed except the last page).

BEING A WITCH IS.... from Rus & Ruthi (Arcane Crafts) when is the new address?

.... explaining for the 99th time that "robe and athame" is NOT the same as "cloak and dagger".

THAT'S ALL, FOLKS.

LOVE AND BLESSED BE.

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